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In re the Application of:

TSAO, Betty P.

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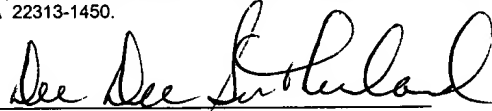
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

**Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Madam,

The following is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed June 28, 2004.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the specification begin on p. 2.

Amendments to the claims begin on p. 3.

Remarks begin on p. 7.

Conclusion begins on p. 11.